ASCE Nebraska Section Annual Meeting

May 17, 2018

You are invited to join us at ASCE Nebraska Section’s Annual Meeting.

This year’s program will include presentations of the Outstanding Service to the Nebraska Section Awards, Outstanding UNL and UNO Student Awards, recognition of new Life Members, recognition of the 2018 Walter LeFevre Award winner, and the installation of new Nebraska Section Officers.

Additional information will be provided when registration opens. Please check your email or visit the NEASCE website at neasce.org.

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http://neasce.org

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Quarry Oaks Golf Club
“Oaks 2 “ Room
16600 Quarry Oaks Drive
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Social Hour 5:30
Dinner 6:15
Program 7:00

$15 per person
Spouses & Guests Welcome
No charge for ASCE Student Members or ASCE Life Members, but everyone must register in advance
Fellow Members of the Nebraska Section of ASCE:

My year as your president is almost to a close. On May 17th, the new president will take the reins of this winged, fire-breathing beast known as the Nebraska Section and try to tame her to his will.

I would like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a great experience and I can’t believe how quickly this year has flown by. I have to admit, this “beast” has given me a wild ride and I may have gotten singed a time or two, but I’ve enjoyed every minute of it.

I would also like to thank all of you for reading my monthly President’s Letter, which I’ve tried very hard to fill with utter nonsense. Come to think of it, since I keep getting asked to write a monthly letter, maybe no one actually reads it!

But, alas, it’s almost time to join those that have come before me in the Home for Past-Presidents, where we will eat dinner at 4 pm and joke about ASCE Report Cards and failed gumdrop domes.

Before it comes to that, please plan to join me at this year’s Annual Meeting on May 17th at the Quarry Oaks Golf Club in Ashland to wish the new president, Greg Seib, luck. Register here: http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efdghtaj86c5ffd9&llr=tdh4jixab

And in case you missed it, the Transportation Technical Committee has been busy over the past month. At our Transportation Section Meeting, Ralph Batenhorst, PE with HDR presented on the Metropolitan Area Travel Improvement Study. One week later, the Committee hosted the ASCE/LOCATE Transportation Conference in Omaha. Both events were well-attended and received excellent feedback. Many thanks to Paul Knievel and Bill Wegner, Transportation Technical Committee Co-Chairs for coordinating these events.

If you have any questions, want to get more involved with ASCE, or just want to chat about the new Han Solo movie, please reach out to me at mhubel@schemmer.com or at 402-431-6370.

Thanks for your continued support of ASCE and the Nebraska Section.

Sincerely,

Matt Hubel, President, ASCE Nebraska Section
April Meeting Summary

Thursday evening, April 26th the Nebraska Section’s Transportation Technical Group hosted a meeting. The topic of the presentation was about the Metropolitan Area Travel Improvement Study (MTIS). The list below can be considered official documentation of attendance at the April 26th, 2018 meeting and presentation worth one (1) PDH credit.

Jared Adkins
Ralph Batenhorst
James Boerner
Blake Casper
Mark Egger
Krishna Ghimire
Loras Klostermann
Joe Manning
Sarah Ostrander
Cassandra Revoy
Zokhidjon Salakhadinov
Marie Stamm
Samih Veziroglu
Shihab Al Harbi
Caleb Beasley
Trevor Breeling
Donny Cerwick
Andrew Eisenbraun
Eli Green
Paul Knivel
Donovan Mattea
Todd Pfizer
David Rohan
Mike Skelner
Mitchell Stilmock
Matthew Wynegar
William Arneson
Patrick Benda
Cody Buckland
Nick Clifford
Jacob Ellingson
John Hill
Elizabeth Kreher
Rena Miyajima
Liz Railsback
Patricia Rohan
John Smith
Gayle Sturdivant
Nick Weander
Ryan Bateman
Michael Bender
Dalton Carter
Ryan Cowles
Nathalie Ford
Justin Holtmann
John Linbo
Mark Nelson
Taylor Reinsch
Kyl Rouse
Cory Staashelm
Christina Thibodeau
ASCE 2018 Legislative Fly-In to Washington D.C.

By: William Arneson and Daren Konda Co Legislative Chairmen, ASCE NE Section

On March 13 and 14, Daren Konda and William Arneson had the privilege to represent the Nebraska Section at the 2018 ASCE Legislative Fly-In. We had an opportunity to present to our congressional members from Nebraska the topics that ASCE has emphasized in the current 2017 Infrastructure Report Card. The ASCE Report Card, that is published about every 3 years, is widely respected on the Hill as an authentic representation of the “state of the nation’s infrastructure”.

We met and talked briefly with Senator Ben Sass and his staff people. We were not able to meet with anyone with Jeff Fortenberry’s staff due to scheduling conflicts.

As a member of Nebraska Second District Daren met with Kyle Noles from Congressman Don Bacon’s Office. Daren had the opportunity to review the Infrastructure Report Card and leave key facts about Nebraska’s Infrastructure. With many needs, presenting our voice is very valuable and hopefully will lead to our Congress keeping our Nation’s infrastructure a priority.

We were able to spend a significant amount of time talking with Senator Deb Fischer and her staff member, Paul Wasik (from Norfolk, NE). They were very interested in the topics that we presented concerning funding for Highway Trust Fund and Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Senator Fischer was eager to show us a copy of a bill she introduced (S. 271) that is called the Build USA Infrastructure Act. It is similar in scope to what the Senator worked on while in the Nebraska Unicameral for the Build Nebraska Act that helps funding for Nebraska’s transportation needs. We had time to pose for a picture with the Senator and the President of ASCE, Kristina L. Swallow, P.E.
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Kristina L. Swallow, P.E. Society President; Senator Deb Fischer;
Daren Konda, P.E.; William Arneson, P.E.

William Arneson, P.E. and Daren Konda, P.E. at ASCE Washington Office
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